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GREAT ADVANTAGE TO JAPAN

It is Regarded That the Japanese Advances Will Be Serious and Prevent Russia From Making Any Successful Fight Against the Japs.

St. Petersburg, May 15.—Japan has refused to agree to a definition of the limits of the war zone in Mongolia west of the present positions of the armies. Until after the Russian defeat at Mukden and while the operations were confined in Manchuria the neutral zone was well established, although charges of violation were made by both belligerents. North of the Pass Mongolia juts eastward across the railroad, and the limit of the zone of hostilities has never been fixed. In view of the fact that the Japanese used Hein-Min-Tsu to effect their turning movement against Mukden, General Linevitch asked the authorities at St. Petersburg to obtain a definition of the line northward.

Russia made proposals that the government at Peking mark the zone, but the answers from China were evasive, Japan declining to bind herself. For the present, therefore, General Linevitch is free to take such measures as he deems proper to protect himself from a hostile movement in the direction of Mongolia.

The Russians are offering slight resistance to Japanese pressure on the east and west, and are falling back on the first line of defense. The Russian advance posts cover a front of about 100 miles, extending from Sing-Man-Tsu on the Liao river in a southeasterly direction across the railroad above Chang-Fu to the Mandarin road leading to Kirin, to Kamal pass, about 70 miles due east of Tie Pass. The Russian cavalry protect both wings, small bodies being probably beyond the Liao river, in Mongolia, to guard against a turning movement.

Experts believe, however, that Oyama's purpose is to thrust in from the east, turn Kirin and interpose himself between Harbin and Vladivostok, preparatory to the investment of the latter place. Linevitch's dispositions seem especially taken to meet such a plan. He would not give battle along his present line, but would gradually retire and draw in his forces to the main Russian positions, which extend due east and west from Kirin, though Kuan-Chang-Tsu to Hual-Tai-Huen. A considerable force of troops is also reported to be due east of Kirin, as far south as the Tumen river, to contest the Japanese advance northeastward toward Vladivostok.

It is not regarded as certain that the Japanese advance will really be serious. Oyama is known to have received large reinforcements, which have filled the Japanese ranks, and he brought up immense quantities of supplies and ammunition after the battle of Mukden, both by way of Hein-Min-Tsu and over the reconstructed Manchurian railroad.

Up to yesterday the Russian advance posts had generally retired about 18 miles. General Linevitch's headquarters are at Hua-Shu Pass.

MEAT INVESTIGATION.

Federal Grand Jury at Chicago Secure Valuable Evidence.

Chicago, May 15.—The members of the federal grand jury investigating the affairs of the beef packing industry today learned all of the details of the manner in which the officials of the Aetna Trading Company kept their books. This company, it is said, was

the means by which the packers were supposed to have formed the beef trust and transacted secret business.

National Bank Examiner Starteck, who for nearly two months has been studying over the books found in the six trunks taken from the First National bank building safety vaults, has completed his task and appeared before the inquisitors today. He will continue his testimony tomorrow. Through these books found in the trunks it is asserted that the secret system of the Aetna Trading Company has been revealed and all persons connected with the operation of the company are known.

SEVEN MEN ARRESTED.

Charged With Causing the Wreck on the Santa Fee Road.

Emporia, Kan., May 15.—Seven men were arrested this afternoon by the Santa Fee detectives on suspicion of being connected with the wreck of train No. 18, yesterday. Five were released and two were held for further investigation. All were former railroad men. There is no sign of the two passengers said to be missing.

Smith Is Home Again.

San Francisco, May 15.—Edward J. Smith, the defaulting tax collector of this city, has arrived here in the custody of two detectives and was landed safely in the central police station, where he is now confined.

LOOMIS AND BOWEN

Formal Trial of Issues Commenced Yesterday.

PREFER COUNTER CHARGES

Minister Bowen of Venezuela Appeared Before President Roosevelt in the Matter of Investigation of Charges Preferred Against Loomis.

Washington, May 15.—The formal trial of the issues between Acting Secretary of State Loomis and Minister Bowen began today when Bowen presented himself at the White House. He sent his card last night to President Roosevelt and followed it this morning by appearing in person at the White House, where he was received by the president, who told him as he had come to answer his summons he would be pleased to have the minister call at once on Secretary Taft.

Bowen accordingly went to the war department and spent a short time in conversation with the secretary, after which, on the advice of the secretary, Bowen returned to the hotel and began preparing an answer to the counter charges preferred by Mr. Loomis that Bowen instigated the circulation of unfounded reports against his superior in office.

AERONAUT INJURE. D

Narrow Escape from Death at Chutes Park, Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 15.—William M. Morton, an aeronaut, was severely injured and had a narrow escape from death at Schutes park by being dashed against a telegraph pole as his balloon arose from the ground. Morton was rendered unconscious, but being strapped to the bar of the parachute, he did not fall. The balloon rose rapidly, carrying the unconscious man, dangling from the bar. The large crowd of spectators at the park who witnessed the ascension, were horrified and expected every moment to see the man drop to the ground. But the balloon gradually lost its lifting power from gas evaporation and soon settled to the ground, some distance from the park. Morton struck in the branches of a tree and rolled to the ground in the rear yard of a residence. He was still unconscious from his first injury, however, and was immediately taken to the receiving hospital, where he revived. His injuries were found to consist of only a lengthy scalp wound and some minor bruises.

Steamer Sunk.

Tokio, May 15.—The steamer Kilo struck a mine and sank off Port Arthur on May 11.

PREVARICATED

Davis Says Nan Patterson Lied.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Claims That Nan Patterson Killed Caesar Young But Unintentionally.

DEFENDED ATTORNEY RAND

Justice Vernon M. Davis Astonishes Those Present at Monthly Dinner of Phi Delta Phi Club by Speech on the Nan Patterson Murder Trial.

New York, May 15.—Somewhat to the astonishment of those present at the monthly dinner tonight of the Phi Delta Phi Club, an organization of lawyers, Justice Vernon M. Davis, gave his opinion on the guilt of Nan Patterson while making an argument in defense of Assistant Attorney Rand. Justice Davis, who presided at the first two trials of the former chorus girl, said she lied from beginning to end, and it was his opinion that a majority of the community now believed that Miss Patterson held the pistol by which Young was shot; that Smith bought the weapon and gave it to her, charging her at the same time with duty of securing Young into supporting her and the Smith family.

In the middle of Justice Davis' remarks, the reporters were asked to leave the room, but before they had reached the door, the speaker called them back, saying he left it entirely to their discretion as to what parts of his speech were to be used. In the cause of his remarks he said:

"In the second trial before the defendant went on the stand, it was quite obvious that she was telling falsehoods from beginning to end. Yes she was a woman. She was young. Naturally public opinion sympathized with her. The people seemed to know that she was not telling the truth and the great public of New York said: why should she not lie? Let her lie. Let her get the benefit of her lies. I don't mean to say that she took the pistol from her reticule and shot him inside, but I believe she had the pistol and in the course of the conversation and consequent struggle the pistol went off and the man was killed. I believe, moreover, that had she told the story on the witness stand as it really happened, the second jury would have acquitted her."

YACHT RACE READY.

Eleven Large Sailing Yachts Ready to Compete for Prizes.

New York, May 15.—The valuable cup and three other prizes offered by the German emperor, 11 large sailing yachts assembled in the inner harbor today, prepared to start tomorrow on a race across the north Atlantic.

Eight contestants are vessels owned in this country, two from England and Germany has one. A representative of Emperor William, assisted by a committee of American yachtsmen, will start the fleet at 2 o'clock tomorrow off Sandy Hook lightship. The finish will be at Lizard on the English coast, where a German warship will await the winner.

RUSSIA FLEET.

Evidently in About the Same Place It Has Been for Month.

London, May 15.—A dispatch from Saigon to the Associated Press stating that the Russian fleet sailed northward from the vicinity of Honkoo May 14 is the latest news available in London regarding the movements of Rodzhenko. A dispatch from Hong Kong to the Mail says Hamilton King, American minister at Bangkok, who is a passenger on board the steamer Pitmanoke states that on May 11 the

steamer passed 14 Russian warships 24 miles north of Kamranh bay.

According to the Telegraph's Tokio correspondent during the great storm several days ago the Japanese converted cruiser Nodko, was damaged by striking a reef off Fusan. The correspondent further says that it has been ascertained that the Russian fleet has established a wireless station on French territory and communicated with St. Petersburg by way of Saigon.

A Norwegian steamer, the Telegraph's correspondent, says, reports having heard cannonading from 8 to 11 o'clock on the morning of May 11, in 38, 45 north latitude and 129, 20 east longitude and a Japanese torpedo boat was seen running in the direction.

LOWER COURT REVERSED.

Yakima Indians Will Not Lose Treaty Right of 1859.

Washington, May 15.—The supreme court today by reversing the lower court, decided that the Yakima Indians will not lose their rights issued by the treaty of 1859 to fish for salmon in the Columbia river where Winans brothers secured a license from the state of Washington to operate fish traps.

Frank H. Willis Dead.

San Rafael, Cal., May 15.—Frank H. Willis, secretary of Goodall, Perkins & Co. and a well known business man of San Francisco, dropped dead shortly afternoon today while climbing Mount Tamalpais in the company of his son.

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE

Appeal Made for Financial Aid by President Gompers.

BELIEVED STRIKE WILL END

Employers Operated Over Two Thousand Wagons and Had No Difficulty to Deliver Goods to the Various Portions of the City and Suburbs.

Chicago, May 15.—As a result of today's developments of the teamsters' strike, the employers predict a speedy end of the strike. The white labor leaders assert that the strike will spread and be aided financially by unions all over the country. An appeal for funds has been sent out by President Gompers of the American Federation of labor, which gives color to the latter conclusion.

What the employers take as an indication of the end of the strike was the telegram sent by President Shea of the teamsters' union to President Gompers. The telegram was to arrange for a meeting of the federation of labor to be held in Chicago the latter part of this week. Shea telegraphed Gompers to come to Chicago forthwith. These men are the same as was called to Chicago last year and put an end to the strike of the stock yard employees.

The employers today operated 2000 wagons, practically without injury, many deliveries being made in the resident portion of the city, and were made without police protection.

A practical armistice in the teamsters' strike was declared tonight, to last until the officers of the international brotherhood of teamsters meet here either Wednesday or Thursday. At a meeting of the teamsters' joint council tonight to reconsider the action of last Saturday night, when it was decided to refuse the demand of the team owners' association that deliveries be made to houses where the strikes exist, members of the council reaffirmed their stand and decided that they could not accede to the demands of the team owners' association.

DECLINE INVITATION.

New York Confederates Will Not Participate in Memorial Services.

New York, May 15.—The New York confederate camp, whose invitation by Grant post to participate in the Memorial day parade in Brooklyn led to adverse criticism, has written to the Memorial day committee declining to join in the parade. The camp announces its intention to accompany Grant post after the parade, to the tomb of general Grant and there take part in the ceremonies.

JAPANESE LANDING TROOPS.

Rumored That Thirty Thousand Japanese Landed at Korea.

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CELEBRATED PASTORATE.

Dr. Robert S. McArthur Celebrates Services for Church.

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KILLED FOUR

Murder Committed at San Diego.

WAS RUSSIAN NIHILIST

Kills Two Men, a Boy and a Woman and Then Kills Himself.

INTOXICATED AT THE TIME

Believed to Have Become a Raving Maniac Over Drink and Brooding Over Nihilist Troubles in Russia Which Was the Cause of Murder.

San Diego, May 15.—Armed with a rifle, revolver and dirk, each which were used with deadly dexterity, a mad man ran amuck in this city today killing two men, a boy and a woman and wounding two other persons and finally blowing off the top of his own head, dying in a few minutes.

The three victims lived in the same house with the slayer, the fourth person who he killed and two men who were wounded, resided a half mile away and it was in their house that the maniac took his own life.

The man who enacted this ghastly tragedy was W. P. Robinson, about 40 years old, of powerful build and quite well educated. The precise causes which led him to the wholesale murder, may never be ascertained. It was known, however, that he was a heavy drinker; that he was intensely interested in the nihilist movement in Russia and that against two or three of the victims he fancied some petty grievance. On the other hand, he had been said to be ordinary good natured and inclined to be generous, and one of the last persons in the world to take a human life. The general supposition is that drink and brooding over the nihilists brought on an attack of homicidal mania.

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nature in this city, plans for which he is now maturing.

In discussing the present state of religious affairs in New York Dr. McArthur expressed the view that while less attention is given in this city now than in 1870 to the outward forms of religion and the strict observance of the first day of the week, a broader humanitarian spirit is everywhere apparent.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Fifty Horses Killed at the Atlas Brewing Company.

Chicago, May 15.—Fifty horses were killed in a fire early today in the stable of the Atlas Brewing Company. The loss on the building was slight.

In the barn, a two-story brick structure, there were 60 horses, when a small blaze started in the rear of the building. The night watchman ran to the stable and untied as many of the horses as he could before the smoke drove him out. Thus 30 horses were saved.

Richard Heath Arrested.

Bakersfield, May 15.—Richard Heath was arrested in Kern City this afternoon upon orders from Dayton, Wash. Heath is wanted there for grand larceny.

Japs Defeated.

Berkeley, May 15.—The Japanese baseball team from the university of Waseda were defeated today by the university of California nine by a score of 5 to 0.

GREATER NEW YORK

Important Decision Expected from United States Supreme Court.

AFFECT BUILDING OPERATIONS

Enormous Amount of Taxes Due the City from Large Corporations Which Will Reduce the Indebtedness and Permit Extensive Improvements.

New York, May 15.—Twenty-six million dollars will be contributed to the tax fund of Greater New York if the decision which is expected today from the United States supreme court of the franchise tax law should be favorable to the city.

In the hope of a victory for the city, Comptroller F. Rout has for the last three days had his office force busy preparing a complete tabulation of all the taxes due the city under the franchise tax law, together with interest since the law went into effect in 1900. This is the first tabulation made for three years, and the totals staggered the city officials, far surpassing the expectations even of Comptroller Grout.

For Manhattan alone the amount due is \$17,940,700, which includes \$2,850,200 on the unpaid taxes.

From all the boroughs the total amount due for taxes alone without any calculation for interest or penalties is \$22,141,865. To this sum there is to be added about \$3,500,000, and at least another million for penalties which will raise the total to \$27,000,000.

These figures bring the amounts due to June 1 next.

As soon as the decision is received the comptroller will take steps to collect this money, if it be favorable to the city.

That the city would win the suit and collect the taxes has been anticipated all along by the officials and they have made financial arrangements accordingly. Consequently a defeat would completely upset all calculations upon which the city's financial arrangement have been made for the last three years. Next to the loss to the city treasury of \$26,000,000 that had been counted upon, the most serious result would be the effect on the debt limit. It would cut down the debt limit by more than one third. The upholding of the law would by no means add \$26,000,000 to the amount available for use in new improvements, as it would be devoted to redeeming revenue bonds which have been issued in anticipation of its collection.

These bonds will be redeemed as they fall due and thus the margin of the city's indebtedness will be reduced by that amount.